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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 723

(Senate Bill 902)

AN ACT to empower and authorize the County Commissioners of Carroll County, notwithstanding Chapter 521 of the Laws of 1931 and in the same manner as they were authorized by Chapter 705 of the Laws of 1967, to construct a reservoir or impoundment on the Gillis Falls Tributary of the South Branch of the Patapsco River in Carroll County for certain purposes and subject to certain conditions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 521 of the Laws of 1931 and in the same manner as the provisions of Chapter 705 of the Laws of 1967, the County Commissioners of Carroll County are hereby authorized and empowered to construct a reservoir or impoundment on the Gillis Falls Tributary of the South Branch of the Patapsco River in Carroll County for the use of flood control, water supply or recreational purposes. However, Carroll County must release water from the dam or impoundment in the required quantities to maintain a minimum stream flow in an amount determined by the City of Baltimore as necessary to insure the continuance of the contribution of the tributary to the Patapsco River in the same amount as prior to the building of the dam or impoundment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 724

(Senate Bill 943)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9I(b) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (11972 Replacement Volume and 11 1972 Supplement), title "Merit System," to I provide that no employee made part of the State classified service under the provisions of this section, shall become a permanent employee unless his prior period of service would have qualified him had he been serving in State service during the same period of service; provided, however, that this prior period of service shall be credited toward the probationary period required by the Merit System Law. 11 change the probationary status and service of certain probation employees in Prince George's County and Baltimore City who were transferred to State employment.